

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough****Project Title:**

Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Meadow Lakes Elementary School Library Technology Upgrade

State Funding Requested: \$ 7,500**House District: 15 - H**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Library/Technology Upgrades

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$7,500**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
State Funds	\$7,500	fy08				
Total	\$7,500					

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

These funds are needed to replace and repair damaged books and purchase new titles so that students have adequate research and literary materials for their education. In addition these funds are also needed to ensure that students have access to working and updated computers and technology for research and other educational purposes. Books have become worn and new titles are being printed and the library needs replace and expand its book collection. Likewise, as computer and electronics technologies are advancing current systems require upgrades and replacements to provide students the access to electronic databases and resources that they need for their education. As more and more information becomes available in electronic digital format it becomes increasingly important to educate students how to access and utilize these resources.

Project Timeline:

FY09

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Mat-Su Borough School District

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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Dear Representative Neuman,

Thank you for the time and energy you spend on behalf of your constituents here in the Meadow Lakes area and beyond. The school has been able to make great use of the Library and Technology grant we received this year. Our library will now have a total 10 computers (all laptops) for student use. Our librarian, Katie Conover, is a product of Houston High School and extremely tech savvy. She has made the library a really special and important place for technology to be integrated with instruction. Students now have substantially more access to technology and information with direct support and facilitation by a certified teacher thanks to the grant and our great librarian.

Our motivation in education is to help future generations find a way to improve the human condition; to provide our children with the assets required to achieve this is indeed a noble cause. While our motivation is to support learning to this end we must not forget the important observations of our founding fathers. *Thomas Jefferson stated:*

"If the children . . . are untaught, their ignorance and vices will in future life cost us much dearer in their consequences, than it would have done, in their correction, by a good education."

If in the future more funds become available, rest assured we could use them. Our classrooms consistently have more than 20 students and our library is visited daily by students in every grade level. Our success at embracing technology and integrating it into our instructional program depends on regular and substantial exposure to technology. Your grants will allow our students to achieve a high level of proficiency with technology and information, a prerequisite for success in the 21st century.

Thank you so much for your continued support and invaluable representation. Rest assured our school community fully backs your efforts in procuring additional technology and library grant dollars for our students.

Best Regards,

Carl Chamblee, Principal

